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PRESS RELEASE

Maryland Social Worker Sentenced to Three Years Probation for Felony Medicaid Fraud

BALTIMORE, MD (December 13, 2021) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Irene Carroll, 38, of ElkrIDGE, was sentenced to three years probation in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, following her guilty plea to one count of felony Medicaid Fraud and one count of felony theft for submitting claims that caused the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) to reimburse Carroll \$16,544.23 for counseling services that she did not provide.

Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge Mark W. Crooks sentenced Carroll to probation before judgment, and placed Carroll on three years of probation. As a condition of Carroll's probation, she is excluded as a provider in any federally-funded health care program, including Medicaid and Medicare, and also may not be employed by, or seek employment with, a federally-funded health care provider. At the time of her guilty plea, Carroll paid restitution to the State of Maryland in the amount of \$16,544.23.

Carroll is a licensed certified social worker who operated a private mental health practice in Maryland. From October 2014 through May 2018, Carroll submitted false claims in connection with her private mental health practice. Specifically, Williams submitted claims to Medicaid and was reimbursed for counseling sessions that had not occurred.

Attorney General Frosh thanked the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for its work on the case, specifically Assistant Attorney General Andrew J. Schell, Senior Investigator Michael Regan, and Investigator Brittany Leister. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Inspector General for its assistance.

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